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MOUNTED ON COMMON ROTATING SHAFT

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- 1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 applicants enclose a Form PTO-1449 (2 pages), references AR to AL2 cited thereon, a German Search Report issued May 23, 2002 in the counterpart German priority application, and an International Search Report issued June 5, 2003 in the counterpart PCT International Application.
- 2) This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, based on the status information available from the USPTO PAIR system. Thus, no fee is due under 37 CFR 1.97(b)(3).

- 3) References AA to *AZ and AJ2* ~~AR~~ are in English. References AS, AT, AU, AW, AY, AA2, AB2, AC2, AD2, AF2, AI2, AK2 and AL2 are each accompanied by an English Abstract. References AI2 and AK2 are further accompanied by an English Translation. Reference AV corresponds to AB; AX corresponds to AC; AY corresponds to AD; AA2 corresponds to AF; AC2 and AD2 correspond to AJ; AE2 corresponds to AE and AI; AG2 corresponds to AK; AH2 corresponds to AL; and AL2 corresponds to AN; from which the relevance can respectively be determined in English.
- 4) Moreover, the enclosed Search Reports indicate the degree of relevance of references AH, AS, AV, AY, AB2 and AL2 by category (A = technological background, general state of art; Y = relevant for obviousness in connection with another publication of the same category). Thereby, a concise explanation of the relevance has been provided (see M.P.E.P. §609).
- 5) The Examiner is requested to consider all references of record, return an initialled copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to the applicant and ensure that all references of record are printed on any patent issuing from this application.

- 6) Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1 to 24 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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